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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL CABELL

From: Colonel Lansdale

Subject: Defense Support of CIA

Thought I should let you know that there have already been some most constructive results of your taking an interest in the problem of Defense support of CIA operations.

Dick Bissell arranged a briefing on the background of the current CIA request for a USAF C-130 in the Far East, and this briefing was exactly of the type we needed. It was very well handled and I am most appreciative of this thorough follow-through, since it will help prevent the fragmented staffing ☐

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Also I agree with Dick Bissell that it would be useful to do this as early as feasible in an operation rather than in the middle of getting something underway. This will really assist in effective staffing of people who rely upon us for resolving problems which are seldom apparent in ☐ meetings or in briefings covering only broad aspects.

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